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## Remember Transformers?

Get in touch with your inner child with the help of the Student Center's "Toys Too Cool for Kids" event, taking place along Skiles Walkway on Tuesday, June 29 from noon to 3 p.m.

Some of the latest high-tech toys on the market will be available for students to play with.

## Tropical blast to hit campus

The Campanile will host a day of festive, Caribbean-themed activities on Thursday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A steel drum band will add flavor to the event with regional music. Complimentary smoothies will also be given out to refresh all participants.

## Registration for parking ends Wed.

The application process for on-campus parking for next year will come to an end on June 30. The cost of a year-long permits for all available parking spaces is \$500. Students who intend to apply for the permits can fill out the parking application at the department's website, [www.applyparking.gatech.edu](http://www.applyparking.gatech.edu).

# Women on the increase

## Number of female freshman to rise 32 percent

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Statistics on the incoming freshman class have just been released, and the number of both female and minority students saw significant increases. The 2004-2005 freshman class is composed of nearly 800 women, as well as 108 Hispanic students.

The number of women admitted shows a 32 percent jump over last year's freshman class. The Hispanic population showed even stronger growth, with a 52 percent increase. Other minorities, including African-Americans and international students, each showed smaller increases of 20.6 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

The College of Sciences will see the largest increase in the number of women taking classes in the fall. With nearly three-fourths of the incoming Biology majors being female, and an 80 percent rise in the number of new female students overall, the College can expect continued growth in the future.

Other colleges benefiting from the increase are the College of Architecture, which admitted 62 percent more women than last year, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, with a 20 percent rise.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The number of women in the incoming freshman class is up 32 percent. The number of Hispanics rose 52 percent.

Many of the majors with the worst male-to-female ratios continue to have weak female enrollment, however. The College of Computing, as well as most programs of the College of Engineering, did not see significant increases in the number of women admitted.

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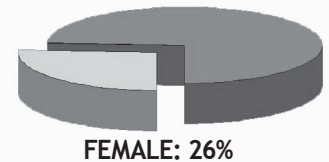
increase in the number of admitted females may be the programs started to attract middle and high school girls to careers in science and engineering. The Georgia Tech Futures program, a visitation program targeting girls in their sophomore and

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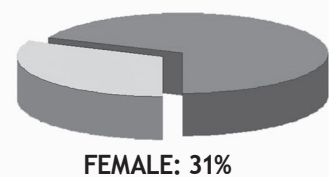
## TRACKING THE RATIO

Even with a 32 percent increase in the number of women in the '04-'05 freshman class, the class's male:female ratio remains roughly 7:3.

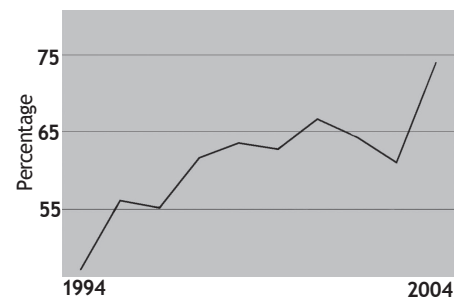
### Incoming freshman class: 1994



### Incoming freshman class: 2004



Women outnumber men in some majors. For example, 74 percent of incoming freshman Biology majors are women, up from 48 percent in 1994.



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS  
Sources: Institutional Research and Planning Annual Factbooks

## CRC closes weight area to prepare Phase II Auxiliary Gym for use

By Michael Handelman  
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Campus Recreation has announced that the weight room will be closed from June 25 until August 15. Students will be able to use the Barbell Club periodically during the weight room closing period.

'Sport court' flooring will be installed in the Auxiliary Gym, currently home to the weight room, from June 25 to June 30.

Following the installation of the flooring, the area will be used for its original programming use, as defined in the CRC design guidelines.

A letter to CRC patrons on their website states "after installation, we can proceed with the

original intent of programming in the Auxiliary Gym."

Campus recreation will allow current patrons and fee-paying students to use the Barbell Club as an alternate workout facility. Other than the fitness area closing, all other regions within the CRC, including pools, basketball courts, studios, and the game room, will be open for use.

The Barbell Club, located in the lower floor of the O'Keefe gym, offers a variety of free-weight equipment, and a limited selection of aerobic equipment that includes Stairmasters, treadmills and rowing machines.

The closure of campus recreation will be a seven day period between when you can't use the weight room and you can go to the Barbell Club."

Brad Thomas  
ChemE grad student

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# BuzzCard dumps Papa John's

By Arcadiy Kantor  
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The branch of Papa John's Pizza closest to Tech, which had previously accepted BuzzCard payments for its pizza, drinks and other food, no longer allows students to pay with the card.

Located at the intersection of 10th and State streets, the restaurant had given students looking to spend the funds on their BuzzCards another meal option. The end of the service may limit students' choices for on and near-campus dining. Contacted for comment, the location confirmed they stopped accepting the card at the beginning of May. They did not comment on the reason for the change.

The BuzzCard Center clarified the reasons for the termination of the service. "A decision was made by Auxiliary Services, in the best interest of all BuzzCard account participants, to not renew the Papa John's Acceptance Agreement," said James Pete, director of the BuzzCard Center, in an email.

"This decision was based upon a lack of commitment on [their] behalf to adhere to the terms and conditions of their Acceptance Agreement," he continued. He said the decision came as a result of continued failures to

follow the agreement on the part of Papa John's. "Papa John's did not submit reimbursement requests timely on a biweekly basis as agreed upon. When the reimbursement requests were received, there were errors, missing receipt copies and, on occasion, duplicate charges," said

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James Pete  
Director, BuzzCard Center

Melissa Moore, communications officer for Auxiliary Services.

The termination of the contract means Papa John's is not likely to start accepting the card again any time soon. "There are no plans for Papa John's to be a participating

merchant in the future," Pete said. Students who wish to pay for pizza with their BuzzCards will have to settle for the Pizza Hut Express location in the Student Center, or Pandini's, where California-style pizza is one of the options on the menu.

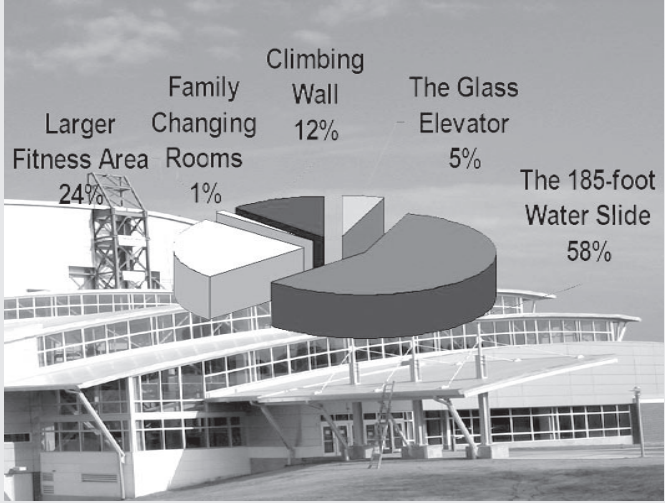
Some expressed disappointment at the discontinuation of the payment option. "Food outlets on campus should be as open to the students as possible," said Computer Science major Yi Wu. "Getting rid of the BuzzCard services is a step backwards." In addition to the on-campus restaurants that accept BuzzCard, such as Pandini's and Junior's Grill, several Tech Square restaurants have started accepting the card in the past six months. Students can use the card to pay for their meals at 5th St. Ribs-N-Blues and St. Charles Deli.

The card will also be accepted at both of the restaurants opening in the fall in the Student Center Commons, as well as at H2O Cafe in the Campus Recreation Center.

For now though, students need not worry about more restaurants ending their acceptance of BuzzCards. "There are no [other] known participating restaurants that will stop accepting the BuzzCard," Pete said.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 76 responses  
What's the best feature of the new CRC?



By Lauren Griffen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

How do you pay for your Papa John's pizza?  
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Theft

6/14/2004 8:01:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Bobby Dodd Way and Cherry Street  
**Incident:** Report of stolen road signs

6/15/2004 7:25:00 hrs.  
**Location:** 915 Atlantic Avenue  
**Incident:** Report of a stolen and recovered white 1989 Ford Aerostar Van

6/16/2004 14:05:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Advanced Wood Product Lab  
**Incident:** Report of stolen tools

From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Arrests

6/11/2004 18:42:00 hrs.  
**Location:** GIC Construction Area  
**Incident:** Offender arrested for burglary.

6/12/2004 11:24:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Campus Recreation Center Lot  
**Incident:** Offender arrested for criminal trespass.

Mischief

6/15/2004 9:47:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Student Success Center  
**Incident:** Report of criminal mischief

Health

6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Sixth Street Apartments  
**Incident:** Report of a sick person transported to hospital

Property damage

6/17/2004 2:48:00 hrs.  
**Location:** 704 Cherry Street  
**Incident:** Report of damage to a bench and concrete stairs

6/17/2004 7:44:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Atlantic Drive/Library  
**Incident:** Report of a damaged parking meter

Sexual harassment

6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Sixth Street Apartments  
**Incident:** Report of sexual harassment

False alarm

6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.  
**Location:** Bobby Dodd Stadium  
**Incident:** Report of a false fire alarm

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## Hispanic student population increases 125% since 2001

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junior years of high school, allows these prospective students to spend time talking with faculty, students and staff, learning about such things as the variety of majors they could pursue at Tech, internship and co-op opportunities, and the availability of scholarships.

In addition to recruiting programs, Tech offers several resources for current female student. These include the Women's Resource Center (WRC), an on-campus organization that aims to make the campus environment more supportive and welcoming for women, as well as several college-specific organizations, such as Women@cc, which focuses on the women pursuing Computer Science majors.

These support programs are designed to provide a sense of community for the women at Tech, which has traditionally been lacking due to the low number of female students. "I think the point of all these different

programs is to build the community of women here at Tech so they feel that there are people they can connect with who may be going through some of the same challenges," said Yvette Upton, director of the WRC.

Some students welcomed increases in the female population. "I think it is good," said Electrical Engineering major Pranav Anbalagan. Other students worried about potentially-discriminatory admissions practices, however. "[It] makes me wonder if they're getting in just because they're girls," said Computer Science major Ellen Matthews.

According to Matthews, this is a common belief among some students on campus.

"Walking into class as a girl, I think sometimes the guys think, 'She's just here because they're filling up their quota for girls,'"

"It's a good thing that they're getting the opportunity to come, but at the same time it puts... stereotypes on the girls who are here, no matter how they got here," she said.

The admissions office said that no preferential treatment is given

to female applicants or any other minority population, explaining that the reason for the increase has more to do with females' drive. "When women are looking at college, they are looking at making a difference and an impact on the world," said Katie Faussmagne, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Institute's Hispanic population, which has grown 125 percent since 2001, has also contributed to increasing diversity on campus.

The 108 students admitted this year are the highest number in Tech's history.

The 119 incoming international students will also add to the medley of nations represented by Tech's student body. Nearly half of these students are of Indian origin, though 13 South Korean students will also be taking classes on campus this fall.

The variance of the incoming freshman class's population shows the Institute is moving in a positive direction, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. "This is how you change the world," Faussmagne said.

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**Ellen Matthews**  
CS undergraduate

## CRC

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ation facilities for the construction of the new CRC is not unprecedented. A previous closing of the facility occurred during Summer 2003, when the SAC facility was shuttered due to asbestos abatement.

During this closure of on-campus student athletic facilities, Campus Recreation provided use of the Georgia State University athletic center and alternative off-campus facilities.

Student reaction to the closings is mixed.

"I knew about [the closing] from the signs, but I didn't know very far ahead of time," said Scott Duncan, a Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical Engineering.

Duncan, however, does not plan on using the Barbell Club facilities.

"I'll probably go swim or run and slack off on the weight training," he said.

Although students will have

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**Letter to Patrons**  
Campus Recreation

access to the Barbell Club for the majority of the summer, pre-scheduled routine maintenance will also shut down all campus recreation

facilities from August 8 through August 15.

The Campus Recreation Center will also be closed an additional week prior, from August 2 through August 8.

Brad Thomas, a Chemical Engineering graduate student, recently learned of this week-long campus recreation shutdown.

"I just found out on Monday, that it was going to be a seven-day period between when you can't use the weight room and you go to the barbell club," Thomas said.

Campus Recreation's announcement of the closings promises that "[the] new facility will be worth it in the long run." However, Thomas is skeptical.

"It's kind of annoying... I'm hoping there's a lot more equipment," he said.

## Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past two weeks. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### *Iraqi militants murder South Korean*

Kim Sun-il, a South Korean civilian working as a translator for a South Korean military supplier, was decapitated by Iraqi militants earlier this week. The terrorist group Tawhid wa al-Jihad is allegedly responsible for the killing. The group released a video to the Al-Jazeera news channel, where they demanded that the South Korean government halt a planned troop deployment to Iraq.

Pictures of the beheading were released to the internet, on the same web site used to disseminate videos of the murder of American Nicholas Berg.

### *Fulton County sheriff responds to allegations*

Embattled Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett is under fire for a successful escape attempt at the Fulton County jail. The prison break occurred during the filming of a rap video by a Cobb County prisoner on work release. The escaped prisoner, Cara Williams, 23, disguised herself in medical scrubs and exited the jail through a staff hallway. Following her escape, she was quickly apprehended by Fulton County's Fugitive squad.

In an interview with 11Alive News, Barrett expressed her displeasure with her subordinates approving the filming of the rap video. "I'm not at all happy about that. We are understaffed, overworked, and to have this occur in the middle of that really, really, really bothers me," she said.

### *Bush supports condom use to prevent AIDS*

President Bush announced that he supported the use of condoms as a measure to prevent the transmission of the virus that causes AIDS, breaking from his previous stance of supporting only abstinence-only sex education.

In a press conference in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Bush cited an AIDS prevention program in Uganda that stressed both abstinence, faithfulness in marriage, and the use of condoms.

### *Clinton autobiography receives mixed reviews*

The autobiography of former president Bill Clinton went on sale this Monday, with a record setting 1.5 million copies published. Clinton received an estimated \$10 million dollar advance for his memoirs, which have received mixed reviews. *The New York Times* reported that the book is "sloppy, self-indulgent and often eye-crossingly dull."

However, sales have been brisk, with 400,000 copies sold on the first day of release, according to publisher Simon & Schuster, breaking the record for a non-fiction book previously held by his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton.

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# OPINIONS

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## Quote of the week:

"A people who expect to be ignorant and free expect what never will, and can never, be."  
 —Thomas Jefferson

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

# Minority report

At first glance, the statistics on this fall's incoming freshman class—as detailed in a recent press release on the Georgia Tech homepage—sound like a cause for excitement. "Almost 800 women and 108 Hispanic students will join the freshman class in August, a jump of 30 percent and 52 percent, respectively," the release stated.

However, smart Tech students who take a closer look and do some number-crunching of their own might find that the numbers are somewhat misleading. Though the number of women in the incoming class has increased since last year, part of the reason is because the size of the freshman class has also increased by 15 percent to 2,550 students.

This means that overall, Tech's infamous "ratio" has not really changed all that much: last year's incoming class was 27 percent female, and this year, it is 32 percent. Thus, the ratio, unfortunately, still hovers around 7:3.

In addition, many of the increases in female freshmen are in majors that have already have a high percentage of women. For example, the largest increases this year were seen in Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Architecture and the Ivan Allen College. Majors such as Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, however, still attract a very low number of women.

So what is the Institute's goal? Is it simply to get more women on Tech's campus in general—or is it to attract more women to engineering? If simply decreasing the ratio is enough, then we may be getting there, and some of this credit may very well go to the increasing strength of our liberal arts programs.

However, Tech is still, decidedly, an engineering school, and thus efforts should be made to get more women to enroll in traditionally male-dominated engineering majors, majors where a female presence is lacking and sorely needed.

Though there are several existing programs that address this, such as Women in Engineering and the College of Computing's "Women@cc" program, these are all at the college level. The focus needs to be on recruitment at the high-school level, and the effort should be made by both individual colleges as well as the administration as a whole.

Women aren't the only minority where the statistics sound overly optimistic. Though Tech has a reputation for its diverse student body, the numbers indicate otherwise. African Americans will make up only six percent of the incoming freshman class, and this percentage is even lower (a little more than four percent) for Hispanics. It's true that these numbers are increasing slowly every year—but they should also remind us that we still have a long way to go.

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By Mark Parsons / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Tech must take stand on gay marriage

The Pride festival roars into Atlanta this weekend with masses of revelers converging on Piedmont Park for a three-day celebration.

Although Midtown Atlanta is usually the epicenter of the legions of rainbow-colored flags, tight Abercrombie muscle shirts, and scantily clad women, the festivities rarely cross past the interstate and over onto campus. For the average student taking summer classes, the Pride festival is just another hot summer weekend.

While previous years' celebrations have always taken on a semi-political theme, the issue that is on the minds of many of this year's Pride participants is the upcoming referendum on a Georgia constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in the state—a referendum the Georgia General Assembly approved in a contentious vote this past April.

After this weekend, the issue of same-sex marriage is going to be even louder and more unavoidable as a turbulent November voting day approaches. If the ban on same-sex marriage passes, not only will lesbians and gays not be able to marry, they will also be denied any benefits that would recognize their relationship as a couple.

Therefore, if Georgia's voters say yes to the ban, the gay and lesbian community will not be the only ones who suffer; Tech's reputation will also be harmed.

Universities as diverse as Princeton and Georgia State University are adopting policies that allow same-sex couples to have the same benefits as heterosexual couples. These institutions recognize the importance of tying success in a student's personal life with success in the academic world.

Although Tech currently has anti-discrimination policies for factors including sexual orientation, without including domestic partnership benefits, anti-discrimination



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**Michael Handelman**  
 News Editor

policies are meaningless.

Tech currently does not offer benefits to students in same-sex relationships. By comparison, the Institute does provide a wide range of benefits to heterosexual couples.

For example, heterosexual married couples can pay a nominal fee that allows their spouses to use the services of the Student Health Center and Campus Recreation Center. Their spouses can also receive BuzzCards, use the library facilities, and otherwise have their relationship recognized by the Institute through any other incidental benefits.

Another example is Tenth and Home, the new family housing facility that is currently being built, is one of the signature projects of the Institute. According to the promotional material on its website, "Tenth and Home is a family housing building; with the exception of single parents living with their children, no singles will be permitted to live at Tenth and Home."

This advertising proves deceptive. According to Dan Morrison, Associate Director of Residence Life for the Department of Housing, "At this time, we are only able to offer family housing to married couples whose marriage is recognized by the State of Georgia," a fact not mentioned in any of the materials on the website.

If Tech continues to lag behind other universities in offering these benefits to same-sex couples, then it is possible that gay people will

choose to attend a university other than Tech where their rights and relationships are recognized.

Some people believe that same-sex marriage, or any official recognition of those relationships, violates their moral or religious beliefs.

But there was a time in Tech's history when "moral and religious beliefs" were used to prevent women and African-Americans from attending. While each of the communities has faced different struggles, the opposition they encountered was always the same. History shows the real motivations behind these "religious and moral" arguments: ignorance and fear.

Sitting in the gallery of the Georgia House of Representatives, I listened as legislators spewed their hatred and animus towards lesbian and gay persons. While they would cloak their arguments in biblical verses to protect the sanctity of marriage, they failed to understand the core argument in this marriage debate:

You cannot separate acceptance of lesbian and gay persons from acceptance of the relationships of lesbian and gay persons with each other. Hatred of the same-sex relationships is little different than hatred of gay and lesbian people individually.

Ultimately, the opinions and beliefs of either individuals—or the state government through a constitutional amendment—will not prevent gay and lesbian persons from falling in love.



# All these new eats are making me hungry

I remember my first semester at Tech—summer 2001. I was living on East Campus, and Britain Dining Hall was closed for renovation.

Since I didn't have a car at the time, I didn't have many choices for places to eat that were within walking distance. There was Junior's Grill and Quizno's, but Junior's was closed after lunch, and I got bored of Quizno's after a while.

There was also the Student Center Food Court, but it was also only open for lunch, and it did not have as many choices as it does now. There were some options for delivery food, and, if you got desperate, there were always the ever-present vending machines.

Fast forward three years to summer 2004. We now have Italian at Pandini's (my favorite), Asian food at Tin Drum, Mexican at Moe's, Ribs and Blues, St. Charles Deli and more. And, excitingly, there are more choices to come.

Einstein's is opening in the Student Center Commons this fall, which will provide us with more breakfast choices.

Tech Square will also be featuring some new venues as well: Khao, an international food market, is scheduled to open soon, along with a Mediterranean restaurant, Great Wraps and some other choices. H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe



"Are all these restaurants really a good thing, in terms of improving student life on campus?"

**Suyog Mody**  
Sports Editor

for the health-conscious is opening at the Campus Recreation Center in the fall as well, and a new Jake's ice cream is scheduled to open at Tech Plaza during this summer.

Even Woodruff, Brittain and the Food Court, with their recent renovations, have expanded and include more choices than ever before. The dining halls also offer more variation in meal plans than before, since you can choose from the Gold, White, Blue, Casual or West Side plan.

And, if you still insist on delivery, you can now go to [www.campusfood.com](http://www.campusfood.com) for online ordering and delivery from eight to 10 restaurants within the vicinity of campus.

So much for my shameless publicizing of all the new eateries. The real question is: are all these new restaurants really a good thing, in terms of improving student life on campus?

Or is Tech getting too commercialized from the opening of

fast food chains that just want to make a profit and don't care about the students?

I would argue that we are better off than before. It used to be that students would have the problem of not being able to find places to eat their favorite type of food.

Soon, though, students will have a far more attractive problem: one of having too many places to choose from. Our dining halls do a great job, but even freshmen could do with eating out every once in a while. Sure, it's easy to hate on fast food chains for being unhealthy, but people eat at chains outside of campus anyway, so why should we avoid them on campus?

In fact, I would venture to say that there is still a need for more places to open up on campus. For example, there is still not an Indian food place near campus. With such a large Indian student population, it's a sure bet that this would be a popular location. And

I'm also sure even students who are not Indian would enjoy the taste of chicken curry with naan or some tasty samosas.

Even the Food Court could be open late for dinner. I had a friend come to Tech recently and he was extremely surprised that our Food Court closed after lunch. I'm sure this is something that has been discussed before, but if it would be possible to keep the Food Court open, that would be another great option for students to eat, socialize and study (sometimes).

Another issue that must be dealt with, with all these new restaurants, is expanding the use of BuzzCards as methods of payment.

Except for Ribs N' Blues, most of the near-campus locations don't accept Buzzcards. Though this is something for the restaurant owners and the BuzzCard Center to sort out, this should be promoted as an option, since sales are almost guaranteed to be boosted if BuzzCards are accepted.

As Tech continues in its effort to improve campus and enhance the standard of student life, the easier they make it for students to manage non-class-related issues, the happier students will be.

Of course, students would be happier if classes got easier, too...but that's a topic for another time.

## BUZZ Around the Campus What do you think about the increase in freshman women?



**Constance Mansour**  
Fourth-year STaC

*"I think it's fabulous that there are 30 percent more women coming to Tech."*



**Aaron Weil**  
Fifth-year CE

*"I don't care. I'm too old for them anyway."*



**Sarah Gleaton**  
Third-year ME

*"Good."*



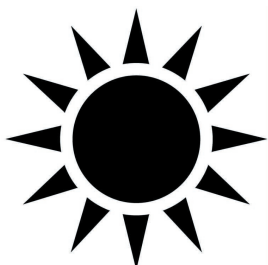
**Koji Noguchi**  
Third-year AE

*"Can I take freshman courses?"*

Photos by Lauren Griffin

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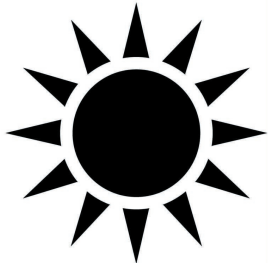
### Track and field

Members of the track and field team excelled at this month's NCAA Championships. The women's 4x100 relay team took sixth place, pushing the women's team to a 15th place finish, unprecedented in the team's history. Chaunte Howard won the national title in the women's high jump, making her a four-time All-American and qualifying her for the U.S. Olympic trials in California this July.



### Don't come to Papa

Papa John's was the first off-campus restaurant to accept BuzzCard. Now, due to conflicts with the BuzzCard Center, it no longer does, meaning that cash-strapped students won't have BuzzCard funds to fall back on when they need a midnight pepperoni fix. It's also disappointing news to anyone who was looking forward to expanding BuzzCard usage to other off-campus establishments.



### No more school!

Well, for some of us, anyway. Students enrolled in seven-week summer sessions will be finished with classes next week, providing a nice vacation before fall semester begins in the next few months. Those of us in regular summer sessions, however, will still have five more grueling weeks to go—so hang in there.



### A weighty issue

One of the most frequently-used areas of the CRC, the weight room, will be closed starting this week. Determined students can still work out at the Barbell Club in O'Keefe, but other patrons of the CRC will just have one less option for exercising indoors during one of the hottest months of the year.

## Can't beat the real thing

By Maria Nicole Smith  
*The Pitt News*

(U-WIRE) U. of Pittsburgh—I was offered the opportunity to experience e-learning when a class I wanted to take went over capacity. The professor e-mailed me, suggesting I take the class online. Online? Was he crazy?

The traditional classroom is the perfect learning environment for me. Quirky personalities can't hide behind a screen and fancy rhetoric in a classroom. In class, what I see is what I get, and I like that.

Some disagree with me. For some students, online education offers more mature discussion and flexibility. There's no snoring, and everyone has time to fully develop and proofread his or her thoughts before clicking "submit" on the discussion board. According to a *U.S. News* article, enrollment for online education has shot up by almost 20 percent this year. And by 2005, the e-learning market will top \$4

billion.

Don't let the popularity fool you, though. The fantasy of instructor-less education quickly fades as courses have little or no personal interaction—sometimes online courses are just the contents of books uploaded onto Web sites—and posted dropout rates are as high as 60 percent. To make up for this, several online courses have been adjusted to allow for more dialogue via discussion boards and e-mails. According to the article, there is also a push for smaller class sizes.

Regardless of the modifications, cyberspace cannot serve as a substitute for the classroom. It's like thinking a phone call from a friend is the same as having that friend show up to talk with you. Utilizing technology and having resources for class discussion available online is a great supplement to, not a replacement for, education. Even with the best technology, e-learning needs a human touch.

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## TERMINAL VELOCITY

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## HIGH-JUMPIN'

Track and Field wins big at the NCAA Nationals, capturing the top prize in Women's High-Jump. Page 16



### AIRPORT FUN DAY



By Jonathon Mehlberg / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Aaron Sohacki shows off one of the Yellow Jacket Flying Club's five airplanes at Airport Fun Day last Saturday. The club performs flight instruction, aircraft rentals and organizes aviation events.

## When there's no way out

### Depression, stress drive some students to suicide

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Rome Lester, Marriage and Family Therapist at the Counseling Center, readily admits to something that every Tech student already knows.

"Georgia Tech is a very, very stressful environment," she said. But she then added, "And sometimes, I guess, the stress can be so severe that someone might choose to think that their only way out is to contemplate suicide."

Stress is not the only cause of suicide on campus, but it does contribute. Ten to 24 suicides are attempted every year at Tech, with two or fewer successes per year on average, depending on the source of the statistics.

While more women than men attempt suicide, more men usually succeed because they use more violent means. Tech is predominantly male.

"We've had...straight-A students who have chosen to take their lives," Lester said. "It's an interesting phenomenon that somebody who has their whole life in front of them would choose to take [it]."

The issue is not limited to

the student body. Tech has also lost faculty and staff members to suicide.

Suicides have grown into a national concern over the past few decades. Over 30,000 people commit suicide each year, with an average of one attempt every 45 seconds and one success per

a variety of other means to end their lives.

"Sometimes one of the masked suicides, or I call 'autocides', is [the] one-person single car accident," Lester said. "People don't really know because it appears to be an accident, but sometimes it could actually be a suicide."

Suicide now ranks as the third leading cause of death for college students, behind car accidents and death by violent means (although it has dropped from second place in recent years). College students are more likely than their non-college peers to commit suicide.

Depression is the most common cause of suicide. Not every suicidal person is depressed, but most are, and this is a condition which may be exacerbated by Tech's stressful environment.

The depression itself may be rooted in that stress or may stem from personal trauma, such as the death of a family member, the end of an intimate relationship or a sexual assault or similar violation. A family history of suicide, mental or physical illness or drug or alcohol abuse are also linked to suicides.

**"Don't be afraid to ask about suicide. Asking them will not cause them to decide to do it."**

**Rome Lester**  
Therapist

10 attempts.

This concern has extended to college campuses, for while the groups most susceptible to suicide are still divorced, unemployed, middle-aged, white men and the elderly, rates of student suicides have been rising.

Students with suicidal desires use guns, alcohol, drugs, jumping from heights, asphyxiation and

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## Seeking creative outlet, students launch webzine

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Creative writing, poetry, music and painting—these are all things that are seldom associated with campus life. Classes often require technical writing or drafting, but students rarely get the opportunity to creatively express themselves in an open forum.

A group of students set out to create something new that would provide not only a creative outlet, but would also create a stronger sense of community within their department. After working long and hard, the students of the ECE department recently released the first issue of a brand new webzine called *ecesis*, which can be found online at [www.ece.gatech.edu/ecesis](http://www.ece.gatech.edu/ecesis).

*Ecesis* means the successful establishment of an organism in a new environment. The students chose this name after sorting through close to 70 different suggestions ranging from the technical to the humorous.

"[The name] seemed to embody what we were trying to do," said Christina Bourgeois, one of the faculty advisors for *ecesis*.

The evolution of *ecesis* began several years ago when Bourgeois first started working in the ECE department. Her job allowed her to spend a great deal of time interacting with the students and helping them with their technical writing and oral presentation assignments.

Through this work, she realized that the students were very creative writers, musicians, and artists. Last

summer, Bourgeois began to ask around to gauge the student response to her idea for a creative outlet designed solely for ECE students, staff and alumni.

After she received many positive responses, she approached Dr. Jeff Davis and asked if the ECE Student Faculty Committee would be interested in co-sponsoring the project.

After getting his support, Bourgeois set up an informal meeting to entice students to participate in the project. Students were very receptive to the idea and before long there were regular meetings and an editorial board consisting completely of students.

At first, the *ecesis* board planned to accept and publish all submissions so the webzine would be a noncompetitive creative outlet for anyone within the department of 1900 undergrads, 1000 grads, 115 tenured or tenure-track faculty and 300 staff members. However, the community response was much larger than anyone expected since the board received more than 100 submissions.

"Many students were apathetic at first, but now they have seen the first issue and think it is really cool," said Bourgeois.

This means that the board can probably expect to see many more submissions to the Spring 2005 issue. In fact, submissions have already started coming in. In order to handle the large number of submissions for the next issue, the editorial staff is now thinking about adding a competitive element that includes first,



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Ecesis is now taking submissions for its Spring 2005 issue. Any ECE student, faculty member or staff-person is welcome to enter a submission. Ecesis is composed of art, music, film, poetry and prose.**

second and third place prizes for the best submissions.

Since one of the main goals of *ecesis* was to help build a stronger sense of community within the department, the project needed to involve more than just a publication.

One of the ways the whole ECE

community was involved in the project was through the launch party. The board invited everyone that they selected for publication to attend the launch party and to perform. They could discuss their work, read their poetry or play their music. Fifteen students accepted the invitation and for two hours on April 19 students

performed in a small space designed to promote interaction among the audience.

The party was open and allowed student to come and go whenever they wanted. Over 200 people stopped by during the two hours to

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Winner receives a free *Technique* T-shirt.

## Tech Up Close



By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



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"Sometimes the person confuses 'wanting to die' with wanting to get away from the awful pain from having lost a loved one," Lester said.

Determining why students choose suicide instead of finding some means of assistance is more challenging.

"That's the age-old question," said Karen Boyd, the Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life. "If you could answer that, we wouldn't have suicides."

Students with suicidal tendencies may not realize that Tech has assistance in abundance.

The Counseling Center is the most popular option, with many professional counselors available throughout the day. After hours, students may call the Center's hotline (404-894-2204) to get in touch with the counselor on call that week. A

psychiatrist who works in concert with the other counselors is also available at the Health Center.

Students can also contact the Link Counseling Center, which helps people whose lives have been impacted by suicide. They offer individual or group counseling and a support group, Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.), at Sandy Springs (404-256-9797) and Cobb County (770-541-1114). The Center can also be found online at [www.thelink.org](http://www.thelink.org).

In addition, depressed students can contact their mental health association, or even, if they are religious, their clergy.

Lester and Boyd also encourage student involvement and networking to recover from or fend off suicidal feelings. Institutions such as Tech's religious organizations or the Wellness Center can help students broaden their support network and

seek comfort in others.

"A lot of people who come to college have a really difficult time separating from family, so they feel pretty lonely or depressed," Lester said. "So getting involved, I think, can really be helpful."

Furthermore, Boyd added, "If you have people at your back, [you] feel like a community... Take care of each other."

To that end, students should be aware of suicidal warning signs in their peers.

"Here are a few helpful hints: people who start giving away their things, people who have had great stress, and you've been worried about them... [people who are] suddenly finding great peace," Boyd said.

Students suffering from depression may also exhibit lifestyle changes. They may not eat, sleep, bathe or socialize.

"Are they going to class? Are they

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enjoy the performances. Since the launch was so successful, next year, while there will not be a launch party, there will be a similar forum for student to perform their works.

"I found out that it was a unique opportunity to help develop a sense of community that is severely lacking in most engineering departments," said Chris Alvino, a graduate Electrical and Computer Engineering student and co-editor for the prose section.

"You can work really hard for weeks or even months, but it is hard to do for years in a place where you are not happy."

Many other students echoed this sentiment and said that they

"It's a great way for students to express their creativity."

**Samantha Swafford**  
Film co-editor

classes and labs," said Samantha Swafford, a recent Electrical Engineering graduate and the co-editor of the film section.

Some students said the submissions were excellent, though another said that he was used to creative works from schools that focused more on liberal arts and that Tech's submissions didn't compare.

thought the whole project was very successful in its goals of creating a closer community.

*Eccesis* also succeeded in its goal of becoming a creative outlet for ECE students. The quality of the submissions surprised many members of the editorial board.

"It's a great way for students to express their creativity, which sometimes goes overlooked when getting bogged down in purely technical

isolating themselves?" Lester said. "Don't be afraid to ask about suicide. Asking them will not cause them to decide to do it."

Lester emphasized the importance of listening with a sympathetic ear and acknowledging their feelings without analysis, argument or reason.

Encourage them to get help, she said, which can prevent suicides in most cases, as suicide attempts are often an indication that the person is reaching out for help. Students who commit suicide are generally not in counseling.

But, Lester said, don't be sworn to confidentiality.

"If they tell you they plan to kill themselves, get help from the Dean's Office or a Housing official or somebody," she said. "If you try to handle that yourself, it's too big for you."

The Dean's Office in particular

has the power to intervene on the student's behalf. While a counselor will not visit a suicidal student without the student's personal request, a dean has the power to perform a security check to see how the student is doing.

"I think that nothing is more painful than a student dying," Boyd said.

Students can learn to help themselves by leading a healthy lifestyle, which reduces the risk of depression and suicidal desires. A nutritious diet, exercise and adequate sleep are necessary for good mental health, as is maintaining a strong network of support.

Students should also avoid alcohol or drug abuse. According to Lester, nearly half of suicidal youths use alcohol or drugs shortly before their deaths. Even some people who normally avoid alcohol, she said, use it just prior to their attempts.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## DEFEAT TO THE DAWGS

Against all odds, Tech's baseball team loses the NCAA Super Regionals to our Athens rival. **Page 16**

## WEBZINE DEBUTS

Seeking a creative outlet, ECE students have produced a new web magazine called *ecesis*. **Page 7**

# Hanks stars in good, but *Terminal*-ly slow movie

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A sci-fi spectacular? No. A film brimming with special effects? No. Any goblins, trolls, orcs, a magic ring, hobbits, an extra-terrestrial or mechanical sharks featured in the flick? No, none of the above.

The only thing depressing or disturbing about this movie is the title, which could evoke feelings of death, loss, and over-the-top drama, but that's it.

Once you get past the gloomy name, the movie itself is, in fact, one of the funniest and more intelligent comedic dramas made this year.

Re-teaming Steven Spielberg with his partner in crime, Tom Hanks, this movie might be the cleverest comedy this summer. Incorporating some original gags, while utilizing some tried and true strategies, the movie successfully demands that its audience laugh, cry, and overall, feel sympathy towards Viktor Navorski, the movie's hero and main character, deftly performed by Tom Hanks.

Navorski is a man without a country. He has lost his right to obtain a visa to enter the United States at New York's JFK International after a rebel coup has seized control of his country's government.

The country in question is called Krakozhia, a vaguely Eastern European country as fictional as Navorski himself; a country that has, in effect, been declared void by the United

States after the ruling government was overthrown, thereby causing all passports issued to its citizens to be declared void as well.

Navorski arrives at JFK just after this governmental coup. Ironically, the coup occurred while he was in mid-flight, which in turn results in the discovery that he will not be allowed to set foot on American soil.

Navorski becomes the responsibility of Frank Dixon, the director of security at JFK. Performed with skill by Stanley Tucci (*The Core*, *Road to Perdition*), audiences will immediately identify Dixon as the movie's hard-nosed, by-the-book authority figure and arch-villain.

Dixon, bound by code rules and his ambition to be promoted to a higher position, sees Navorski as a fly on the wall, someone who has fallen through the cracks of the system, and one who stands in the way of his attempts at a perfect administrative record.

The only option Dixon has is to allow Navorski to dwell indefinitely within the confines of the International Terminal until his passport clears, all the while hoping that Navorski will attempt to escape to New York, be arrested, and become someone else's problem.

However, Navorski, having been told to stay in the terminal and wait, does just that. He waits...and waits...and waits. He never breaks the rules, nor does he even attempt to break them. He stays in the terminal

"Since the plot is so simple and moves along at a snail's pace, the characters, especially Tom Hanks' Navorski, are what drive this movie."

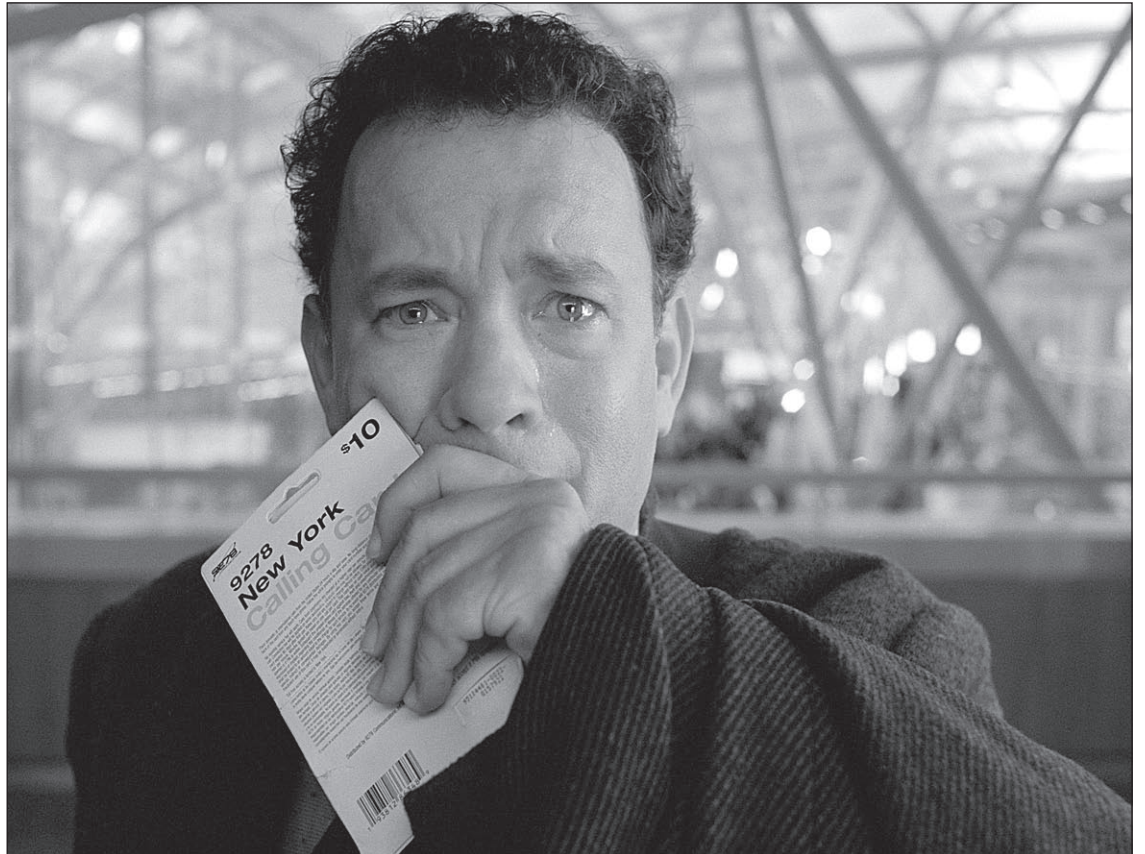


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In Steven Spielberg's latest flick *The Terminal*, Tom Hanks gives an impressive performance as Viktor Navorski, a citizen of Krakozhia that discovers he is forced to temporarily reside in the JFK airport.

until he is told he can leave, which depends upon how long the coup in his country will last, which, in fact, turns out to be quite a long time.

This is the whole premise of the movie, and while it may seem trite, in the hands of Spielberg, it quickly becomes an intimate character study about Viktor and the strangers he interacts with at JFK.

The plot and the premise behind this movie, while implausible, are used to set up Navorski's interactions with the other employees of the airport.

One of the first people he meets is Gupta (Kumar Pallana), a janitor working in the terminal who has a pathological comedic urge to see people slip on his wet floors.

At first sight, Gupta seems mentally unbalanced, but as the movie progresses, we see he in fact has a heart of gold, and his own personal reasons for working at the airport.

Other people Navorski meets during his stay include two baggage handlers played by Chi McBride (*Boston Public*), and Diego Luna (*Tu Mama Tambien*, *Dirty Dancing*

*Havana Nights*), who help Navorski survive by giving him airline food in exchange for advice.

Then there is the stewardess, Amelia Warren, portrayed by Academy-Award-winning Catherine Zeta-Jones (*Chicago*, *The Mask of Zorro*). She plays Navorski's token love interest during his extended stay at JFK. She seems to be nice enough when we are first introduced to her, but more is learned about her character throughout the movie, which

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# The King and I conquers at The Fox



By Sue Ellen Fitzsimmons / Special to the 'Nique

Sandy Duncan portrays the adventurous English teacher Anna Leonowens in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The King and I* currently touring at The Fox Theatre this weekend.

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I think it is a safe assumption that most of our generation has some inkling of the bittersweet tale of the *King and I*; the story has been repackaged several times throughout the years.

Based on Margaret Landon's novel, *Anna and the King of Siam*, the story has been told time and time again. Facts from the novel soon became mingled with fiction, and Landon's work has been taken to the big screen three times (*Anna and the King of Siam*, *The King and I*, and *Anna and the King*).

The most recent movie was released in 1999, which starred Jodie Foster and Yun-Fat Chow. Perhaps the most famous adaptation is Rodgers and Hammerstein's stage approach. Whichever version you may have seen, it is rather obvious that Anna's history with the King of Siam has not lost its appeal.

Well, residents of Atlanta now

have the privilege of bearing witness to the poignantly restrained friendship between Anna and the King. The show stars Sandy Duncan as the teacher named Anna who decides to teach English to the many children of King Mongkut (Martin Vidovic). Her adventurous spirit brings her all the way from Wales to Bangkok to serve as the children's governess.

As a disclaimer, I think I should mention that I have watched all the three movies that I referred to earlier. So, if any comparisons are made, please note that they were unintentional.

Brilliant backdrops and vibrantly hued costumes took the audience back in time to ancient Siam, where women were considered mere "female humans," and the map of Siam showed the King as a colossus and a ruler of the neighboring "enemy country," Burma.

The play continually empha-

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# Music-packed bus tour rocks this way

By Alexandros Salazar  
Contributing Writer

If you haven't heard of it yet, you will soon. There is a bus that tours the United States. It will go through 50 US cities between now and November 2nd. It will be loaded with logos, signs, and lots of enthusiastic people. It is the Rock the Vote tour bus, and its goal is to get you to vote. At least, that's part of it. Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 by Patrick Lippert, and other members of the recording industry.

For those like me, who don't recall what was going on back then, it was a time when a new offensive on the part of decency advocates was launched, culminating in the now-ubiquitous "Parental Advisory" stickers. It was also the same year that the high-profile trial of 2 Live Crew (in court for use of obscene lyrics in one of their albums) was in the media spotlight.

Over the years, Rock the Vote claims to have registered millions of voters, and to have been instrumental in reversing the trend of lowering youth-voter turnout. Since 1996, it has partnered with MTV's "20 million LOUD!"

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may cause some female audience members not to want to sympathize for her.

Even though the audience is likely to be cheering for Navorski to win Amelia over, many may be disappointed at how the relationship actually turns out in the end.

The main plot really doesn't move along quite as fast as you may expect in a Steven Spielberg movie. There don't appear to be any spectacular plot twists, or any disastrous consequences of any kind, nor were there intended to be any.

What really drives this movie along is Hank's portrayal and characterizations of Navorski's plight. Hank gets Navorski, and the audience identifies with Navorski through Hanks.

The movie's strong points are in the small details and the elaborate depictions of the people in the airport. It is almost as if you have secret access to the information about their private personal lives and personalities.

Since the plot is so simple and moves along at a snail's pace, the characters, especially Tom Hanks'

Navorski, are what drive this movie.

One of the more interesting side stories chronicled is that of the love story between Diego Luna's character and a beautiful INS agent played by Zoe Saldana (*Drumline*, *Centerstage*).

Navorski helps Luna's character to win over this girl by passing messages back and forth between the two in exchange for a subsistence of airline food.

It's nice to see Hanks share the spotlight with his younger co-stars in a movie that focuses on developing the complexities of the relationships between characters. Overall, this movie seems to merge all the genres that Hanks has dominated since the late 1980's: comedy, drama, romance—and does it right.

There is hardly ever a dull moment in the movie, beginning when we see Navorski get off his plane not knowing a single word of English, and culminating when we finally see him leave JFK. (Yes, he eventually is able to leave). It is a movie that strongly builds its characters without being pretentious, or overly stuffed with special effects. Overall, the time spent in this terminal is time well-spent.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Julie Dowling and Jessica Berglind portray Lady Bracknell and Gwendolen respectively in the current DramaTech production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Opening night is Friday, July 2 at 8 p.m. Student tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door of the theatre.

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initiative, which currently has the tagline "Choose or Lose." (I'm sure you have seen at least one of their catchy commercials currently running on TV). It has also campaigned for legislation that eases registration of voters across state lines, and in general has a history of fighting censorship in any of its forms.

So, how does this affect you? Well, for starters, they will be coming to Atlanta in the fall. It is one of the scheduled stops, although the complete details are not yet available. The way the Rock the Vote bus operates is by simultaneously using high-profile artists to attract attention, and then proceed to attempt to educate young people about the importance of voting.

In the past, R.E.M., the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Coolio, Seal, LL Cool J, and a whole host of others have participated on previous tours, or with the Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that were released by the

association.

This year, the Black Eyed Peas, The Donnas, Hoobastank, The Dixie Chicks, Michelle Branch, Maroon 5, Rooney and many other well known artists will be featured at various stops.

For college campus shows, mostly new up-and-coming artists will be touring, but the website promises a special guest appearance from at least one of the bands mentioned above on each leg of the tour.

As a last note, it bears mentioning that Rock the Vote is not without controversy. While it claims to be a non-partisan group that aims to get young people involved in the voting process, one look at the website is enough to note a decidedly liberal slant to the issues addressed.

You might also find it interesting that Rock the Vote will register anyone to vote, regardless of political affiliation. At any rate, if nothing else, a free concert is coming into town this fall; be on the lookout for it. For up to the minute details, check out [www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com).

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sized the deference paid to the ruler, and highlighted the shortcomings of a system where a mere mortal is elevated to dizzying heights, regardless of whether he is worthy of this adulation.

The tone of the play oscillated between mirth and misery all night. I do want to make note that the song "The Small House of Uncle Thomas" was definitely brilliantly executed.

One scene that left an indelible mark on me was when the King and Anna were dancing together after the ball. Despite the lukewarm rapport between Duncan & Vidnovic for the greater part of the evening, it was a heart-warming experience when the moment came between the two characters.

The audience is able to sense and visibly see that they had reached the point where they could let their guards down and let their true feelings for each other show.

I warn that it is easier to relate

to a sad story than to one that is sad and funny by turns. The viewer is not touched by this love story, but impressed by a plethora of wonderful songs, the marvelous performance of Ms. Duncan, the supporting cast, and the lavish sets and costumes.

**"Ms. Duncan's Anna seems at her most maternal, broadminded and tender in her performance."**

My favorite musical number was "Getting to Know You." Duncan's Anna seems at her most maternal, broadminded and tender in her performance. The choreography of the song is superb and the children dance splendidly. The youngsters are the foundation of the play and their talent is amazing.

Special mention must be made to some of the members of the ensemble cast. Catherine Mieun Choi plays Lady Thiang with an understated grace of a woman who loves her husband and wants him to profit from the company of another woman. Lou Castro also is admirable as Prince Chulalongkorn.

It is beyond me to evaluate Martin Vidnovic's King of Siam. I dearly love Yul Brynner's performance (1956 movie version) and am sure comparisons will inevitably ensue.

The show is enjoyable as light entertainment, which, I am sure is what it was intended to be. If one doesn't expect to be profoundly moved at the end of the evening, but pleasantly diverted, I would heartily recommend this play.

*The King and I* is currently touring at The Fox Theatre in Atlanta. Performances are held tonight at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost between \$20-\$58 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster or at the door. Next up at The Fox is *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.



# Howard excels both on the field and in class

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Chaunte Howard has always set her goals high. The current Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Champion in the high jump has always had aspirations to compete and win a gold medal in the Olympics one day.

Growing up in California, Chaunte says that she always wanted to run, but did not start competing in high jump until freshman year of high school. Howard was a seven-time prep national champion while winning the indoor and outdoor high jump national championships in 2001 and 2002.

J.W. North High School won the California state titles in 1999, 2000, 2002 and the 2001 national title while Howard competed. In addition to jumping, Chaunte garnered All-American honors in the triple jump, 4x100 relay, 4x200, and 4x400 relay teams. All of these feats were accomplished while being a member of the National Honor Society.

Howard's journey to Atlanta began when she received a call from assistant coach Nat Page and decided to do a little research on Tech's women's track and field program. After making a recruiting visit, Chaunte decided to travel cross-country from Riverside, CA to attend Tech.

"I fell in love with the school and knew I wanted to be here," Howard



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Chaunte Howard won the national title in the women's high jump at the NCAA National Championships with a clear of 6'4.00". Howard has won back-to-back national titles and will participate in the Olympic trials coming up next month.**

said.

The track star admits her freshman year was tough being so far away from home, but after a semester she became more comfortable with her surroundings.

"I was extremely homesick, but I had my teammates and made friends. It went away during my second semester," says Howard.

As a freshman, Chaunte introduced herself to the ACC by winning

the indoor and outdoor championships with jumps of 6'0.0" each. The California native also finished third in the triple jump at the ACC Indoor event and finished sixth in the long jump. Tech's 4x200 meter relay team, with the aid of Howard, set a new school mark at the Penn Relays. On the national level Chaunte was a runner-up while collecting All-American honors at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

A successful freshman campaign was followed by an even more successful sophomore season. Howard won the NCAA Indoor Championships with a mark of 6'3.5", breaking the Yellow Jackets old record. Chaunte won a total of 6 meets in the high jump event, including her second-straight ACC crown.

More records were to be broken in the outdoor season by the sophomore. At the Outdoor ACC

Championships, Howard set a new ACC and Georgia Tech record with an Olympic Qualifying Standard mark of 6'4.75" while earning her fourth straight ACC crown. Chaunte also set personal marks in the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter hurdles. Currently, Howard holds both the top high jump mark in the outdoor for the NCAA and ranks third in the United States. For all her performances, the All-American was named the ACC Performer of the Year and awarded a total of seven All-ACC honors.

It may seem Howard has a lot of individual awards, but she also strives very hard to help out her team. Georgia Tech's women's Track and Field team finished tied 15th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, their highest finish ever. A total of seven Tech athletes won All-American honors, the highest ever by a Tech squad.

"I am really proud I was able to work hard and do this [high jump champion] for our team; we worked hard and it paid off."

Howard's goals while at Tech are not solely focused on track. "I want other athletes in the country to know that you can excel academically and athletically [at Tech]," says Howard.

Next up for Howard is the Olympic Trials in Sacramento July 9-14. She hopes she can qualify in the high jump for U.S Olympic Team and reach her goals of winning a gold medal.



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meters. Rhett posted personal-record times of 11.29 and 23.24 in the preliminaries of the 100 and 200, finishing eighth in the 200 and ninth in the 100.

Sophomore Brandy Depland and Kidd rounded out competitors for the Jackets. Depland tallied an 18th-place finish in the triple jump with a mark of 42'0.00", while Kidd finished 19th in the 400 meters with a time of 53.68. The women's track and field team scored 14 points to finish in a tie for 15th place.

Junior Montrell Person posted a personal-record time of 13.53 in the prelims of the 110-meter high hurdles, finishing ninth in the finals with a time of 14.18. The Merrillville, Indiana native earned All-America honors for the first time in his career.

All-America Brendon Mahoney was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Track and Field second team, announced on Tuesday by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his current institution and be nominated by his sports information director.

Mahoney, a Cumming, Georgia native is Tech's third Academic All-America of the year, joining volleyball standout Kele Eveland and softball pitcher Erin Voeltz.

Earlier in the season, the Jackets' men's team tallied 17 points to record a 12th-place finish at the NCAA East Region meet. They also finished fourth with 103 points in the outdoor ACC championships.

The women's team posted an eighth-place finish at the NCAA East Region Championships and second at the outdoor ACC championships.



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**Tech's shortstop Tyler Greene attempts to get UGA's Joey Side out at second base. Tech lost both games of the Super Regional to Georgia to miss out on a College World Series berth.**

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Morris was intentionally walked to load the bases. Side hit a ground ball to Trapani who tripped on the base while throwing to first and sending the ball over Robbins head to allow another run to score.

Tech responded in the top of the eighth inning to tie up the game. Trapani recorded the team's second hit of the game with a lead off single. Patterson bunted him over to second. Trapani moved over to third on an infield single. Blackwood drove him in on a fielder's choice play, but Owings was unable to keep the inning going.

In the bottom half of the inning, Brian Burks hit Jason Jacobs with a pitch. Jonathan Wyatt hit a two-run homerun to give the Bulldogs the 5-3 lead. The homerun was Wyatt's first career homerun. Startup came

in and pitched a scoreless ninth to end the Jacket's season.

"I don't what it was to be quite honest. We did things today that were uncharacteristic of our team this year. Heading into the weekend, this was the highest fielding percentage a team at Tech had ever had during a season, but we certainly didn't look like it this weekend," replied Hall when asked if his team came out nervous.

"I'm very proud of my guys. Even though we are disappointed, I'm very proud of this team. To come from where we were at one point during the season is great, and it says a lot about our team. I think it was a great season, and I learned a lot from a coaching standpoint from our team this year. Things didn't go our way early, but to our team's credit, they believed in themselves and I think in turn my staff and I believed in them," Hall said.

## BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

### *NCAA introduces needed changes in baseball playoffs format*

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In recent years, the NCAA has tried to make changes in the format of the NCAA tournament and College World Series for the benefit of the collegiate baseball postseason. Most of the changes have been successful, but some might need to be expanded upon.

Up until six years ago, the NCAA tournament featured eight Regional tournaments followed by the winners going to Omaha to compete in the College World Series. The NCAA made an incredibly smart move by breaking up the regional tournaments into 16 four-team tournaments and pairing them up to allow for a Super Regional to occur. The Regional remained double elimination, and the Super Regional was the best two out of three.

To improve upon this even more, it would be nice to have three rounds of best of three series. Yes, it will drag out the season another week, but the competitive atmosphere around the events will grow. This would also help to spread the game in other parts of the country, and to help some of the teams that wouldn't get any national exposure a bit of publicity.

Baseball is a game where any team can close on any day, and this adjustment would make it so that a team that loses on the first day isn't almost certainly eliminated.

This past season was the first

that the College World Series was broken up like each of the Regional was. The winner of each double elimination bracket faces off in the Championship Series. This improved system helps teams that win early, but it doesn't spell disaster for the teams that lose on the first day of play. It has never been impossible for team's to come out of the losers bracket as 10 out of the previous 32 finalists have come out of the loser's bracket.

Another change that is under review by the NCAA is to push back the College World Series into the middle of July instead of at the end of June. The season won't be extended, but instead of it starting in early February, it will start in early March. This change might be good for the game, but from a student perspective this will mean that students are able to see far fewer games each year. Currently, the season ends about a month after finals.

With the new changes, the average college student will only be able to see two months of baseball instead of following team for most of the regular season, but it would help those of us that decide to subject ourselves to the summer semester. The later start will also make for better baseball in the northern parts of the country that are still experiencing snow in February and into March.

The College World Series this year is in Omaha, Nebraska, where it's been played since 1950, with the final championship-series game on either Sunday, June 27 or Monday, June 28.

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## by the numbers

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The Women's Track and Field team's finishing rank at the outdoor NCAA Championships held in Austin, Texas. This is the highest ever finish by Tech's team. A record total of seven All-America honors were earned by the Jackets at the championships, the highest number ever by a Tech squad.

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The number of errors Tech's baseball team made against Georgia in the two games of the Super Regional held at Russ Chandler Stadium. They also had only 13 hits in the two games, four of them coming in the second game. Tech lost both games and missed out on a chance to compete in the College World Series. Georgia (43-21) advanced to the College World Series for the second time in four years and the fourth trip overall.

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The number of times Tech's golf team has been selected to be awarded with All-American team honors in the last 14 years. Junior Nicholas Thompson was named to the third team, and junior Chan Wonglukiet and freshman Roberto Castro earned honorable mention in the PING All-America teams for 2004. The Jackets finished fifth in the NCAA men's golf championships.

# 3:47.62

Time recorded by Senior Brendon Mahoney in the finals of the 1500 meters at the outdoor NCAA championships to finish in tenth place. The Cumming, Georgia native advanced to the finals with a time of 3:47.02 in the preliminaries and earned All-America honors for the first time in the 1500 meters, third time overall (800 meters and mile), finishing as one of the top eight American competitors.

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ACC-high number of bases stolen by Tech junior second baseman Eric Patterson in the last season. Patterson is ranked second in Georgia Tech and ACC history with 124 career stolen bases. The Kennesaw, Georgia native is one of three players in Tech history to earn first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in three consecutive years.

## Track and Field shatters records

### Chaunte Howard wins back-to-back national titles

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Sophomore Chaunte Howard captured her second straight national championship in the women's high jump at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Austin, Texas. Howard finished with a clear of 6'4.00" to lead the women's track and field team.

The Riverside, California native is the first Tech athlete to win back-to-back national titles and is now a four-time All-American athlete. She currently holds the third best mark by an American, 6'4.75", and will compete in the U.S. Olympic trials in Sacramento, California to be held July 9-18.

"She was very relaxed out there," said Assistant Coach Nat Page in a press release. "She was comfortable at those heights tonight and made some really nice jumps."

In other competitions, senior Amandi Rhett finished ninth with a time of 23.56 in the women's 200 meters. Senior Brendon Mahoney finished 10th in the men's 1500 meters with a time of 3:47.62.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team of Dana Rogers, Ashlee Kidd, Andriane Lapsley and Amandi Rhett finished sixth with a time of 44.25 to earn All-America honors. It is the



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**Brendon Mahoney came in 10th in the men's 1500 meters at the NCAA championships with a time of 3:47.62. He was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Track and Field second team.**

first time in program history that a 4x100m relay team has earned such honors. Amandi Rhett garnered three All-America honors for the

Jackets at the national championship meet in the 100, 200 and 4x100

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## Loss to UGA ends baseball season

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Tech's baseball season came to a shocking conclusion this past weekend at the hands of rival Georgia. As expected, both of the games were highly contested nail biters, but Tech was unable to come up with the one big play to put them over the hump in either game. The team lost Friday's game 7-5, and then they lost again on Saturday 5-3 to end their season with a 44-21 record.

The Jackets opened up the scoring in the first game of the series. In the bottom of the first inning, Eric Patterson led off the inning with a single. Steven Blackwood drove Patterson home with a one-out double, but Georgia starter, Michael Hyle, was able to retire the next two hitters to get out of the inning.

Georgia took the lead in the first inning after Josh Smith singled and Justin Holmes doubled to put both runners in scoring position. Marshall Szabo drove in the first two runs of the inning after getting the third consecutive hit off of Micah Owings. Szabo was caught stealing, and Josh Morris struck out to clear the bases with two outs in the inning. Owings walked Joey Side to put another runner on base. Side stole second base despite Mike Nickeas making a beautiful throw down to second.

Unfortunately for Tech, Tyler Greene was unable to take control of the ball and apply the tag. Owings walked the next Georgia hitter, and Bobby Felmy made him pay with a three run homerun over the right

field wall.

"I wish Tyler Greene could have held on to [the throw from Nickeas on] that steal attempt (in Georgia's five-run third inning) because that would have been the third out of the inning," said Head Coach Danny Hall.

The Jackets responded in their half of the third inning. Mike Trapani led off the inning with a single, and Patterson hit a two-run shot to close the gap to 5-3. Georgia pitchers walked the bases loaded in the fourth inning, but Tech was unable

**"We did things today that were uncharacteristic of our team this year... [We] didn't look like it this weekend."**

Danny Hall

Baseball head coach

to capitalize with a hit to score any of the runners.

Georgia added their final two runs in the seventh inning after being helped by an error by Brandon Boggs. Nickeas responded in the bottom half of the inning with a leadoff homerun. Tech rallied to add one more in the eighth inning, but it wouldn't be enough as they dropped the opener 7-5.

Will Startup pitched the final three innings of the game for Georgia. He allowed only one run

on two hits to get his ninth save of the season. Tech was 2-10 with runners in scoring position leaving nine runners on base six of which were in scoring position.

"We had a couple of situations we didn't capitalize on, and if we make a couple of plays here and there, it may be a different ball game," said Patterson.

The Jackets were set to face their first elimination game of the post season on Saturday, and nerves were apparent in the first inning. Smith led off the game for Georgia with a leadoff single. Justin Holmes ripped a groundball at Trapani, but he was unable to get a hold of it to pick up the first error of the game. Georgia had two runners on with two out when Side hit a groundball to Patterson. Patterson lobbed the ball over Whit Robbins head to allow the first run of the game to score. Andrew Kown kept the Jackets into the game by not allowing an earned run until the seventh inning to keep the team's hope alive. Sean Ruthven had an equally impressive performance on the mound for Georgia. Ruthven allowed only a single walk until the fifth inning of the game.

In the top half of the fifth inning, Ruthven walked two of the first three Tech batters that came to the plate. Trapani came through for the Jackets with a clutch two-out double to drive in Robbins and Remole. In the bottom of the seventh, the first three Georgia batters all had hits to have runners on second and third base. Szabo popped out, and Josh

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## sports shorts

### Tech wins ACC sports award

Tech was named the recipient of the first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference Sportsmanship School of the Year Award, the conference office announced last Thursday. Tech won the overall award by virtue of winning outright sportsmanship awards in the highest percentage of its sponsored sports (26.7 percent). The Yellow Jackets won awards in four sports: Women's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Tennis and Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field. A traveling trophy will be on display on campus for one year.

### Track and Field coach wins award

Tech Men's and Women's Track and Field Assistant Coach Nat Page was named the 2004 Mondo Women's Jumps/Multi events Coach of the Year, announced by the United States Track Coaches Association last Monday afternoon. Page tutored Tech's first back-to-back national champion Chaunte Howard at the indoor and outdoor championships. Since joining the Tech team in 1997, Page has mentored one national champion, 15 ACC champions and 18 All-America performances.

### Patterson in All-American team

Tech's junior second baseman Eric Patterson was named to the third All-American team by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball. In 2004, Patterson hit .326 with nine home runs and 46 RBI while leading the Yellow Jackets to the NCAA Super Regionals. He also holds the record for second-most stolen bases in Tech and ACC history with 124 career stolen bases. This is the second time in his career that Patterson has been named to an All-American team. He was an eighth round draft pick of the Chicago Cubs on June 7.

### Sallinger pitches against Team USA

Tech junior Jessica Sallinger threw four innings against the U.S. Softball team last Friday night, holding the World's best to one run through three innings, before surrendering three in the fourth inning at the James Moyer Softball Complex as the College All-Stars fell to the U.S. National Team, 6-0. In the 2003-04 season, Sallinger became the second pitcher in ACC history to surpass a 1,000 strikeouts, ending her junior campaign with 1,025. She was named to the All-ACC team and was tabbed All-Southeast Region first team for the second time in her career, the first being in 2002.